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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Within an interactive voice response system, a method of aggregating conference calls comprising the steps of:

receiving a text registration from a caller accessing a webpage;
converting said text registration to a spoken registration;
registering [[a]] said caller with the interactive voice response system using said spoken registration;
authorizing access to a calendar system containing at least one of a telephone number and a network address for a scheduled conference call;
accessing the calendar system used by the registered caller to determine teleconference data;
at approximately a time of the conference call, automatically calling one of the telephone number and the network address for the conference call;
establishing contact with the registered caller using one of a landline connection and an Internet Protocol (IP) connection; [[and]]
announcing said caller to conference call by presenting said spoken registration;
and
joining the registered caller with the conference call.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of calling the registered caller, further comprising receiving a spoken registration from a caller accessing an interactive voice webpage:

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converting said spoken registration to a text registration;
registering said caller with the interactive voice response system using said text
registration; and
announcing said caller to conference call by presenting said text registration.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of receiving a call from the registered caller, wherein one or more programmatic rules are applied for determining which teleconference the registered caller joins.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, said accessing step further comprising the step of obtaining a list of conference call participants and telephone numbers for each conference call participant from the calendar system, wherein access to the calendar is an authorization process.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, said establishing step further comprising the step of calling each conference call participant.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, said establishing step further comprising the step of receiving telephone calls within the interactive voice response system from each conference call participant.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, said establishing step further comprising the step of authenticating each conference call participant prior to joining each conference call participant to the conference call.

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8. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

receiving a text registration from a caller accessing a webpage;
converting said text registration to a spoken registration;
registering [[a]] ~~said~~ caller with the interactive voice response system using said spoken registration;
authorizing access to a calendar system containing at least one of a telephone number and a network address for a scheduled conference call;
accessing the calendar system used by the registered caller to determine teleconference data;
at approximately a time of the conference call, automatically calling one of the telephone number and a network address for the conference call;
establishing contact with the registered caller using one of a landline connection and an Internet Protocol (IP) connection; [[and]]
announcing said caller to conference call by presenting said spoken registration;
and
joining the registered caller with the conference call.

9. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage of claim 8, ~~said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of calling the registered caller.~~ further comprising:

receiving a spoken registration from a caller accessing an interactive voice webpage;
converting said spoken registration to a text registration;

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registering said caller with the interactive voice response system using said text registration; and
announcing said caller to conference call by presenting said text registration.

10. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said step of establishing contact further comprising the step of receiving a call from the registered caller, wherein one or more programmatic rules are applied for determining which teleconference the registered caller joins.
11. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said accessing step further comprising the step of obtaining a list of conference call participants and telephone numbers for each conference call participant from the calendar system.
12. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 11, said establishing step further comprising the step of calling each conference call participant.
13. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 8, said establishing step further comprising the step of receiving telephone calls within the interactive voice response system from each conference call participant.
14. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 13, said establishing step further comprising the step of authenticating each conference call participant prior to joining each conference call participant to the conference call.
15. (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating conference calls comprising:
a network accessible calendar system having calendar data specifying times for

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teleconferences and telephone numbers for the teleconferences and configured to authorize access of a caller registered through a web page that converts a text registration to a spoken registration with the system; and

an interactive voice response system configured to scan the calendar system data for a scheduled teleconference and obtain teleconference data specifying at least one of a telephone number and a network address for the scheduled teleconference, wherein said interactive voice response system automatically calls one of the telephone number and the network address for the teleconference using one of a landline connection and an Internet Protocol (IP) connection at approximately a time the teleconference is scheduled, establishes contact with the [[the]] registered caller, announces said caller by presenting said spoken registration, and joins the [[the]] registered caller to the teleconference.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for aggregating conference calls comprising:
means for receiving a text registration from a caller accessing a webpage;
means for converting said text registration to a spoken registration;
means for registering [[a]] said caller with the interactive voice response system using said spoken registration;
means for authorizing access to a calendar system containing at least one of a telephone number and a network address for a scheduled conference call;
means for accessing the calendar system used by the registered caller to determine teleconference data;
means for, at approximately a time of the conference call, automatically calling one of the telephone number and a network address for the conference call;
means for establishing contact with the registered caller using one of a landline connection and an Internet Protocol (IP) connection; [[and]]
means for announcing said caller to conference call by presenting said spoken

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registration; and

means for joining the registered caller with the conference call.

17. (Original) The system of claim 16, said means for establishing contact further comprising means for calling the registered caller.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, said means for establishing contact further comprising means for receiving a call from the registered caller, wherein one or more programmatic rules are applied for determining which teleconference the registered caller joins.

19. (Original) The system of claim 16, said means for accessing further comprising means for obtaining a list of conference call participants and telephone numbers for each conference call participant from the calendar system.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, said means for establishing further comprising means for calling each conference call participant.

21. (Original) The system of claim 16, said means for establishing further comprising means for receiving telephone calls within the interactive voice response system from each conference call participant.

22. (Original) The system of claim 21, said means for establishing further comprising means for authenticating each conference call participant prior to joining each conference call participant to the conference call.

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